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In re the application of:

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PATTERNS IN A NETCENTRIC
ENVIRONMENT


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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF FINALITY OF REJECTION

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the final Office Action dated March 29, 2004. Applicant hereby requests reconsideration of the finality of the same in accordance with MPEP § 706.07(c).

(a) *Background*

In the Amendment and Response to Office Action filed by Applicant on January 8, 2004, Applicant amended several of the pending claims. However, the amendments only moved subject matter from dependent claims into their respective independent claims. Applicant took great pains to introduce no new matter to the entirety of the pending claim set and to leave the substance and scope of the claim set unchanged. Accordingly, the amendments introduced no new subject matter. Indeed, in Applicant's Response, Applicant pointed this fact out by explicitly noting:

...such amendments do not introduce new subject matter but rather they merely incorporate some of the subject matter from the dependent claims into their respective independent claims. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully asserts that any new ground of rejection introduced by Examiner at this time would not be necessitated by Applicant's amendments of the claims. See MPEP § 706.07(a).